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City's biodiversity panel has been inactive for 3 years and has so far not done the one task it was supposed to — update the register of knowledge and resources

NATURE OF THE BEAST

Where do we go from here? BBMP to call meeting soon

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Cataloguing Bengaluru's biodiversity finally appears to be on the cards. According to the officials from the Forest cell of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, the department is planning to call a meeting of Bengaluru's Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) soon.

Notably, while Bengaluru formulated its first BMC in 2009, the committee formed by BBMP has not been active for more than three years now. It has thus failed to perform its primary duty of updating Bengaluru's People's Biodiversity Register (PBR), a repository of traditional knowledge and the availability of local biological resources. The register was last prepared and updated in 2010 and is thus outdated.

"I have been informed that Bengaluru's People's Biodiversity

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PESKY PLATES

As deadline to get high-security number plates nears, there are hurdles everywhere

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Musical experience

The Symphony Orchestra of India is finally returning to Bengaluru. Mark your calendars, as the orchestra will take centre stage, offering a captivating evening of Western classical music tailored for adult audiences. An exclusive morning performance will be presented for children.
Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
When: October 6 and 7; 7:30 pm, and October 8; 11 am for children 6-10 years and parents

02 Beats and steps

Natanam Institute of Dance presents Daasaru Kanda Krishna by Acharya Dr Raksha Karthik and her disciples. The event aims to portray the life of Lord Sri Krishna through an amazing performance, accompanied by detailed classical music.
Where: Yuvaka Sangha, Yuvapatha 4, 31st Cross, 11th MainRoad, 4th Block, Jayanagar
When: Today; 5 pm to 8:30 pm

03 Great creativity

Get the chance to attend the 31st edition of Vastrabharana, presented by the Crafts Council of Karnataka. This annual exhibition features various handcrafted textiles and jewellery. This year's theme is inspired by the Indian subcontinent's history of producing spices, which were traded along the Silk Route.
Where: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath
When: until October 2; 10 am to 7:30 pm

Please wrap this up!

BDA in need of more than Rs 600 crore to complete pending work at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout; has been skipping several deadlines

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One of the 35 bridges under construction at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout (above); installation of high-density polyethylene pipe for drinking water, a drainage system, and more are included in the project

Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) needs Rs 693.54 crore to complete pending civil works at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout, which has been pending for quite some time. The BDA skipped many deadlines, including the December 2022 deadline.

In January, BDA Commissioner G Kumar Naik set two deadlines. March 2023 for completion of the Main Arterial Road (MAR), and December 2023 for completion of all civil works at the layout. However, the formation of the 3.5 km Main Arterial Road is yet to commence due to land acquisition issues.

According to the annual report of the Urban Development Department for the year 2022–23, the BDA sent a proposal for the construction of 35 bridges at an estimated cost of Rs 32.17 crore, and the work order was issued on March 23, 2023.

Minor bridges on the storm water drain help to resolve sector-to-sector, block-to-block connectivity. "Out of 35 bridges, BDA can build 27; the rest, eight bridges, can't be built due to land issues, and BDA needs to concentrate more and fix the issue," said Surya Kiran, spokesperson, NPKL Open Forum.

He added that the BDA needs to prioritise the completion of infrastructure works that are being delayed due to many issues, including third-party audits and payments to the contractors.

"I want the BDA authorities to solve the land acquisition problems. If not done, the BDA continues skipping the deadline for completing the infrastructure works at the layout," he said.

The annual report of the Urban Development Department has stated that construction of utility ducts, installation of ductile iron pipe for drinking water supply and high-density polyethylene pipe for the supply of purified water, a drainage system, the construction of 10 sewage treatment plants, four ground-level reservoirs, eight overhead water tanks, the installation of HT/LT cable, the installation of street light poles, supervisory control and data acquisition systems, etc. are included in the project.

> **"Out of 35 bridges, BDA can build 27; the rest , eight bridges, can't be built due to land issues, and BDA needs to concentrate** – Surya Kiran

The report also stated that Rs 1169.60 crore has been spent on water supply and drainage and utility duct works, and Rs 450.42 crore is required to complete the remaining works; Rs 739.76 crore has been spent on civil works, and Rs 243.12 crore will be required to complete the remaining works.

However, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout Open Forum general secretary M Ashok has blamed the BDA officials for the delay in completing the infrastructure works. "Around 80 per cent of the roads are either 30 ft or 40 ft at the layout. The BDA officials are yet to float tenders for asphalting these roads. If these roads are asphalted, some of the site allottees may begin construction of their homes. I want the government to appoint a committee on par with Shivaram Karanth Layout to expedite the completion of all pending works," he said.

Cheers to Indian blind women's cricket team

Karnataka CM felicitates players from Indian blind cricket teams

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah felicitated the members of the Indian blind women's cricket team and the blind men's cricket team from Karnataka at the Home Office Krishna on Friday.

The Indian blind women's cricket team won the gold medal, and the blind men's cricket team won the silver medal in the IBSA World Cricket Tournament (Cricket for Bind).

The Chief Minister felicitated the captain of the Indian blind women's cricket team, Varsha U and team players Deepika, Gangavva, and Prakash J, Sunil Kumar, and Basappa Voddgol of the men's team from Karnataka.

The visually challenged Indian women's cricket team in August scripted history by winning a gold medal, beating Australia by nine wickets at the IBSA World Games.

The team of medal-winning players led by Govinda Raju, the president of the Karnataka State Olympic Organisation and political secretary to the Chief Minister, met the Chief Minister and presented their demands.

The Chief Minister responded positively and assured to hold a separate discussion with Govindaraju and to take appropriate decisions to fulfil their demands.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah interacted with the players and asked them interesting questions about the training they get, how they recognise a ball, how many matches they have played, etc.

The Chief Minister's Political Adviser, Naseer Ahmed, the Life President of the Cricket Association for Blind India Mahantesh, CABI President Boosagowda, and representatives of the Samarthanam Trust were also present.

> **CM interacted with the players and asked them interesting questions about the training they get, how they recognise a ball, and more**

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Switch in number plates ignites pressure

Citizens face inconveniences while fixing their high-security number plate; old IND number plates will soon be invalid

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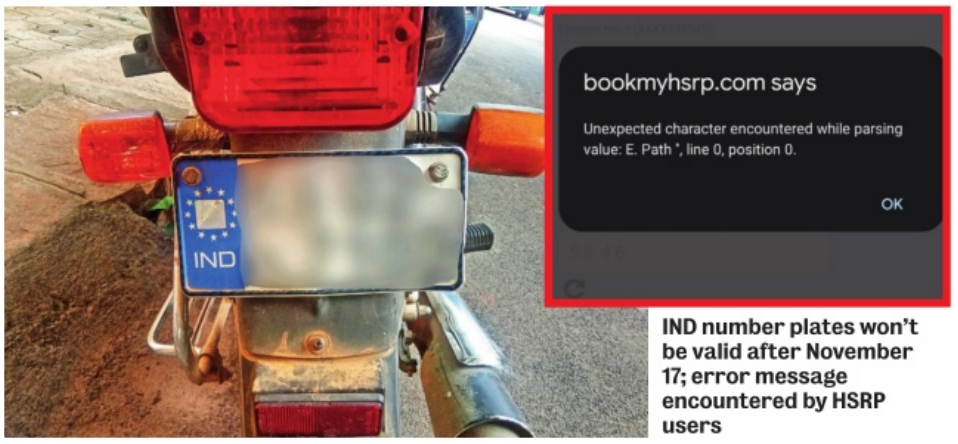
With less than 40 days remaining to replace the existing number plates (for vehicles registered before 2019) with the high-security number plates (HSRP), some users are encountering difficulties in obtaining the new plates, making the replacement process more challenging than before.

Giridhar D, a self-employed individual, shared, "I have been making significant efforts to replace my HSRP, only to realise that it's not a straightforward task. I own two vehicles. While attempting to register my wife's scooter on my laptop, I faced issues. After several attempts, I tried using my mobile phone and found it much more accessible. However, when it came to registering my bike, it turned into a herculean task.

"Despite entering all the details, like my particulars, address, vehicle registration number, engine, and chassis number, I received a message stating 'unexpected character encountered while parsing value.' I tried multiple times, but the issue persisted. I then called the customer care number, and they advised me to send an email with all the details. I've sent it and am now awaiting their reply," he explained.

Others added that they have been attempting to register but keep receiving a message that the vehicle number is invalid.

Chandrashekar R, a motorist, expressed, "I checked with the police portal, and I don't have any pending fines against me. I request the authorities implement a simplified process."



IND number plates won't be valid after November 17; error message encountered by HSRP users

Devanand K, an analyst, shared, "My car is seven years old, and I wanted to get HSRP. However, after following the entire due process, I received a message at the end stating that my number plate was invalid. I had to call customer care, who explained that my number plate had been blacklisted during my recent trip to Kerala. I had to pay fines, and only after settling them could I get the HSRP fixed."

Meanwhile, many in Bengaluru had installed IND number plates, which were earlier believed to be equivalent to the proposed HSRP. However, transport department officials have clarified that this will no longer be valid after November 17, 2023. The RTO has clarified that IND number plates do not meet the standards of HSRP, and therefore, even those who have affixed IND number plates must switch to HSRP plates by the given deadline.

Sreekumar D, a techie, expressed his disappointment, saying, "When affixing number plates for old vehicles, there are two options: ordinary number plates and IND plates. We were told that we should opt for IND plates as they would be the future standard, albeit at a slightly higher cost. So, I had chosen IND number plates for all my vehicles, paying more than I would have for ordinary plates. However, now I am told that the IND number plates are no longer valid."

Koramangala RTO L Deepak explained, "HSRP is a security feature that incorporates embossed unique numbers, holograms, and other elements to enhance vehicle identification and recognition security."

Officials detailed that HSRP is an aluminium-made number plate fixed onto a vehicle with a minimum of two non-reusable snap-on locks and includes various features. "On the top left corner of an HSRP, there is a blue-coloured chromium-based hologram of Ashoka Chakra (20mm x 20mm) in the top left corner, a unique laser-branded 10-digit permanent identification number (PIN) in the bottom left corner, and hot-stamped film applied over the numerals and alphabets of the registration number, preceded by a blue 'IND' acronym," they stated. These plates cannot be used on a different car.

However, the Akhila Karnataka Vehicle Number Plates Manufacturers and Sellers Association alleged that the Transport Department's actions violated the CMVA and CMVR.

Time to shine at VK Street Sambhrama

The countdown has begun for the VK Street Sambhrama as the residents are geared up to reclaim the roads.

Surendra D, a resident, said, "I have spent most of my childhood in Malleswaram. During my childhood, Malleswaram was a very quiet place, and we used to play on the roads. However, over the decades, this has become one of the busiest streets, and I cannot even cross the road. However, thanks to VK Street Sambhrama, now I can go back to the road and even play. I am quite excited for this programme."

Many shared their joy of participating with their kids in the event.

Nandini G, a resident, said, "I fondly remember how I used to play hopscotch on the road by drawing the boxes using a chalk piece. I used to always tell my daughter that this could only be a memory, as she was never lucky enough to play on the roads. But, this time, it will be quite surprising for my daughter, as we both can play together on the road. Well, it is time for me to relive my childhood dreams as well."

Don't miss this Sunday, as you can engage in a diverse range of activities, such as participating in lemon and spoon races, marbles, skipping, pottery, and the art of caricature drawing. However, that's not the extent of it; the event guarantees an even more exciting lineup, featuring beatboxing, DJ performances (featuring DJ Sizzle and Harry D Cruz), captivating dance routines, soulful singing, delectable food stalls, exhilarating kite flying, soothing Yogasana sessions, energetic Zumba workouts, engaging painting competitions, imaginative fancy dress contests, creative rangoli displays, and much more.

In addition to the fun-filled activities, there will also be a fire safety demonstration, informative sessions on traffic regulations, and a health camp.

VK Street Sambhrama in Malleswaram is more than just an event; it's a fantastic opportunity to come together, celebrate, and relish a day brimming with entertainment, a sense of community, and the sheer joy of being part of something extraordinary. Participants can join various games and stand a chance to win exciting prizes. For food enthusiasts, there will be a delightful array of food stalls offering a wide range of cuisines to satiate their cravings.

Malleswaram MLA Dr CN Ashwath Narayan is the chief guest of the programme. For those eager to participate in specific programmes like painting, fancy dress (for children), or rangoli (for women), enrollment is available free of charge. If you're interested, simply sign up by contacting 7676668588.

-Prakash VL

Venue: 4th Main Road (behind Himanshu Shastri Road), behind Malleswaram playground

Date and time: Sunday, October 1; from 8 am to 1 pm

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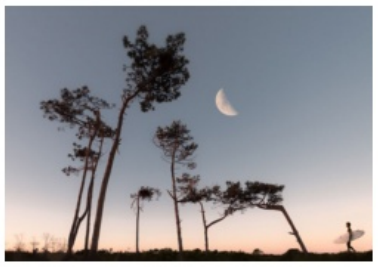
Of old trees & humans



It is rather perplexing why a 16-year-old would want to fell a 300-year-old tree. The unseemly incident happened just days ago in the United Kingdom.

Known as the Sycamore Gap tree for its unique location along the ruins of Hadrian's Wall in northern England, it appeared to be chainsawed off right at the bottom of its massive trunk and to have fallen over to the side.

The sycamore was no doubt a national treasure of that country often photographed as the lone standing wonder of the natural world at the gap in the landscape.

Swiftly after the felling of the massive living entity, the online portal of the Guardian newspaper put together a stunning image gallery - showing the once majestic tree in all possible angles alongside pictures of it from fall, winter, spring or summer.

Tens of hundreds if not thousands of such massive trees - seemingly 'insignificant' to humans of specific areas - are felled across the globe even today and no questions asked especially in places where large-scale industries are moving in to set up sweatshops for the ever growing number of consumers.

That said, the story of the felled sycamore and its news value highlighted, courtesy the Guardian, paint quite the grim picture of the fix humanity is caught up in at the moment.

The collective is groping in the dark for direction having failed to handhold fellow humans in times of peril. The bizarre incident of sycamore felling is definitely not the desired direction - with a teenager suspected to have committed the brutal act now reportedly arrested.

This type of crime anywhere in the world should be labelled green terror now that we are on the precipice of imminent climatic doom - in a make or break - do or die - now or never scenario - whatever you term these future defining days.

As we speak, that the disparities and the othering are throwing up the worst possible facets of the human condition the world over is appalling for a headstrong lot like our species.

On the one side is the poor pacific islander crying for help and asylum awaiting the vanishing of their homeland, on the other we have the political right and the moderates squabbling, scheming and plotting how to stay on in power throwing scraps at summits and gatherings such as the G20s and so on.

The war in Ukraine has to be top priority come what may - there is always an aggressor, and the big boss calling the shots, dictating the direction at the behest of big tech.

Endless stories appear meanwhile on how we must restore our lost links with nature - especially from the ultra rich and developed northern European nations underlining why it is paramount to do so to save ourselves from impending doom - though we need to save the whole of humanity, nonetheless.

The problem is we still seem to consider ourselves detached from the natural world while blatantly continuing with its exploitation - as we keep gnawing at it, the paradox is, the whole planet is collapsing on us.

The larger interests still lay in base politicking while greenwashing and tweaking the status quo to best fit the newly emerging climate complex championed by big oil (how absurd) and global policymakers kowtowing to tech corporations.

The will to power a radical shift, the most important in our history, that shall transform the behavioural aspects of humans as a species to salvage the world from the aftermath of the climate emergency is clearly absent.

Fact is if indeed ever there was the need for a modern revolution it is now. The neoliberal model is imploding as argued by scholarly economists like the former finance minister of Greece Yanis Varoufakis — swallowed by big tech amid all that greenwashing spilling over to even fast fashion - casual wear now latching on to themes depicting nature such as flowers and buds or what have you when the natural world is terrorised by these very corporations.

How convenient and timely.

'True colour' on our phones displays the exploits of the most dangerous of living entities to have walked the planet, a lamenting poet of the day would have it — oh, where are the poets, painters and musicians?

The binaries that we are trapped in have almost had us whole as a species.

It is a travesty that we indulge these binaries when all that is needed is to come together to push us back to the future, shunning non-existent differences that we feed on and benefit from by generating revenue for the ultra rich.

For instance, the row over the killing of a 'terrorist' in Canada: the fallout was a first-of-a-kind diplomatic conundrum for India after Canada suspected the role of Indian intelligence agencies.

Repairs go on, and so do deadlines

Peenya flyover renovation picks up pace; opening date shifted to December

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Work inside the bridge takes more time as space is too narrow

Work on the Peenya Flyover is advancing at a rapid pace. But, it appears the authorities are falling behind the previously set deadline for completion. The anticipated date for the flyover to be accessible to traffic has been shifted to the end of the year.

Repair efforts on the Peenya flyover have been in progress for the past four months. Following the recommendations of IISc, NHAI has incorporated two extra pre-stressed cables to the spans. But after nearly 20 months, the flyover was supposed to be open to total traffic by now. However, the authorities have missed the deadline and expect it to be ready by December end.

Dr Chandra Kishen JM, Professor at the Department of Civil Engineering, IISc, told BM, "Work is ongoing now, but there were multiple issues on the way. The work is getting delayed due to the small workspace inside the bridge, making it difficult to insert the new cables. Rains also posed as a difficulty in work. After work is completed, we will allow full traffic."

According to estimates, full traffic will be allowed on the flyover by the end of the year.

Currently, phase one of the flyover work is in progress. During the study conducted on the flyover, it was discovered that there were two slots for additional cables. Hence, work is ongoing to add the 240 pre-stressed cables to the existing 120 cables. These 240 cables across the 120 spans are expected to strengthen the flyover for the vehicle load.

The flyover was closed to traffic in December 2021 due to the poor condition of the pre-stressed cables. After NHAI barred vehicle entry, it opened in February 2022, but heavy vehicles were not allowed on the flyover. An expert committee was formed with IISC researchers, and they found corrosion in the pre-stressed cables. In the second phase, all the 120 pre-stressed cables would be replaced with epoxy-coated ones. This would ensure that cables are free from corrosion over time. The repair cost was expected to be Rs 13 crore, and the flyover work to be completed by 2025. But, full traffic is likely to open by this year's end.

> **Work is delayed due to the narrow space inside the bridge, making it difficult to insert the new cables**
> –Chandra Kishen JM, IISc

Caution: Tunnel plan ahead

HAVE YOUR SAY

The State Government is proposing tunnel roads to decongest Bengaluru, but does it work? In BM's story on many firms evincing interest to take up tunnel road, we asked readers what you think, and this is what you said:

Anirudh P
Tunnels could be used to resolve the traffic flux in our city. But, their placement and maintenance should be periodically reviewed.

Rahul M Bogase
Thoughtful integration of tunnel infrastructure could potentially eradicate city's traffic issues. However, concerns arise given the city's construction pace, that could increase traffic woes during implementation.

Srilakshmi H S
Tunnels can reduce bottlenecks but must be part of an immense infrastructural development.

Shivaji Rao B N
Tunnels might be able to reduce the congestion in the city. However, the water logging in tunnels during rains is a huge factor to consider.

Sumanth PM
Tunnels are not the solution. They only benefit car users, but almost half of Bengaluru's population relies on public transport. Tunnelling is also a complicated process that can disrupt other activities during construction.

Arundhati P
Tunnels could ease Bengaluru traffic if planned carefully, considering costs and environmental impact. It may help if done right.

BM's story on Sept 29 about tunnel roads

Disha K
Tunnels might solve Bengaluru traffic problems if they're part of the border transportation strategy.

Saroja Shankar
Although they are not a complete solution alone, tunnels can help. Various strategies must be used to address traffic problems in a highly populated metropolis like Bengaluru.

Shankar Narayana HK
For a comprehensive solution, tunnels can reduce traffic, but they must also be integrated with public transportation, bicycle lanes, and urban planning.

Amith S
Incorporating sustainable tunnel construction practices and long-term maintainable planning could help reduce congestion.

Sowmya
Tunnel roads will not help the traffic issue. The state government is unable to maintain roads, create safe pedestrian and cycle-friendly infrastructure; moreover, flyovers such as the one in Ejipura are forever under construction; so another project will only benefit the corruption agenda.

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Friday's bandh turns out more effective than previous one; farmers and activists protest on B'luru–Mysuru Highway, police detain 200 protesters

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Shutters were down, while many preferred to stay indoors as Friday's bandh was more effective than Tuesday's bandh. The bandh was largely peaceful. The police took several people, including Vatal Nagaraj and Praveen Shetty, into custody for attempting to stage a protest at the Town Hall in Bengaluru. The protest march was organised from Town Hall to Freedom Park; however, the government had clamped prohibitory orders and denied permission for the protest march.

Vatal Nagaraj, one of the key persons who gave a call for bandh, was later released and dropped off in a vehicle at Freedom Park, the designated place by the government for the protest. Addressing the protestors, Vatal Nagaraj announced that Kannada organisations would lay siege to the KRS Dam on October 5.

"Thousands of farmers will participate in the programme. CM Siddaramaiah's government is snatching away the right to protest. The protest was organised to show the might of the Kannada people to New Delhi and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. But CM Siddaramaiah is not understanding this," Vatal Nagaraj stated.

Meanwhile, the police have taken more than 200 people into custody for attempting to stage a roadblock on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway in Mandya district as part of the Karnataka bandh.

The farmers and activists staging a protest suddenly entered the expressway and tried to stop the vehicular movement. The police quelled the mob, detained more than 200 people, and resumed the traffic quickly. BMTC and KSRTC operated buses but later reduced the services due to poor patronage.

Minister for Home Dr G Parameshwara met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and briefed him about the situation. Karnataka Police Chief Alok Mohan and Bengaluru Police Commissioner B Dayanand accompanied Home Minister Parameshwara and held a discussion with the CM. A major security breach was averted in the morning at the Bengaluru International Airport, and over 25 people were detained in this connection. Sources explained that Siddaramaiah had given orders to the police to maintain law and order in the state and ensure that no untoward incidents took place. Nagaraj said that 50,000 police personnel were deputed in Bengaluru alone. "They have deputed lakhs of policemen across Karnataka. Because of the heavy police presence, the bandh has become successful. I thank the people of the state. The government didn't understand the sentiments of the people. The arrests have been made recklessly. They are making Karnataka a goonda state," he charged.

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The police took several people, including Vatal Nagaraj and Praveen Shetty, into custody for attempting to stage a protest at the Town Hall in Bengaluru; the protest march was organised from Town Hall to Freedom Park; many shutters were down in the city on Friday; police personnel were seen deputed in city at various locations

What's the stance of stars about strikes?

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Karunada Chakravarthy Dr Shivarajkumar made it clear on Friday that neither the presence of actors at dharnas nor protests by actors will resolve the Cauvery water dispute, and it is the responsibility of the elected governments to find an amicable solution to the Cauvery water dispute.

Addressing a meeting organised by the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce at Gururaja Convention Hall on Race Course Road, Dr Shivarajkumar made it clear that Sandalwood actors have no jurisdiction to solve the Cauvery water dispute. "Some people have the habit of criticising Sandalwood actors for not turning up at protests and dharnas. I do not know what they are expecting from Sandalwood actors. They want us to protest. What protest? Is the protest to damage buses or properties? If buses and properties are damaged, how is it called a protest? You want us to discuss and address protest meetings. How many of you can understand what we are talking?" asked Dr Shivarajkumar.

Actor Dr Shivarajkumar and other stars protesting in B'luru on Friday

Stating that Kannada people are known for tolerance and hospitality, Dr Shivarajkumar added that Kannada people should not defame themselves by having ill-will against farmers in neighbouring states. "I want to speak from the heart, certainly not from the mind. I am speaking from my heart. Some people may not like my speech. I came to know about some people compelling Tamil actor Siddharth to walk out of a media briefing on Thursday evening. I want to apologise to Siddharth. Disturbing a media briefing of other language actors is not a good thing. It will ruin Kannada people's image," he said.

Hundreds of people, including Sandalwood actors such as Challenging Star Darshan, Real Star Upendra, Duniya Vijay, Sharan, Murali, Vijaya Raghavendra, Srujan Lokesh, Anirudh, Chikkanna, Pooja Gandhi, Priya Hassan, Bhavana, Shruthi, Umashree, Girija Lokesh, and music director Hamsalekha, gathered at Gururaja Convention Hall premises. The police made elaborate security arrangements to avoid any untoward incidents. Speaking on the occasion, Upendra said the Cauvery water dispute has been pending for more than 25 years. "I want the authorities concerned to find an amicable solution for this dispute," said Upendra.

Srujan Lokesh suggested organising a drive to plant saplings to protect the environment.

THE CHOKEHOLD ON ORR

Bring back bus lanes to ease flow of traffic

As metro work gets completed, it is time to demarcate space for buses and put bollards back, say citizens

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Demand to restore bus lanes on Outer Ring Road (ORR), the city's tech corridor, has made a comeback. This time, the call is urgent, what with the massive congestion causing a block for close to four hours recently.

Srinivas Alavilli, a public transport activist, took to X (previously Twitter) and noted that the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) runs hundreds of buses on the ORR.

"During peak hours, the frequency is expected to be less than two minutes, but then the buses are also stuck in the same traffic," he said. Alavilli added that enabling the smooth flow of buses through dedicated lanes could significantly reduce traffic congestion.

The 'priority bus lane' on ORR was introduced in 2019 after much lobbying by public transport activists, from Central Silk Board to KR Puram, spanning 17 kilometres, at a cost of Rs 14.3 crore.

However, the construction of metro pillars in the median of the road required nine metres, leading authorities to remove the bollards demarcating the bus lane in mid-2022. Demands for the bus lane to be restored have resurfaced frequently when citizens take notice of carriageways being restored after the construction of metro pillars but they have not been paid heed to by authorities concerned.

Mobility experts stress on need to prioritise public transport

> **Introduction of bus priority lane attracted new users. Among these users, an overwhelming majority are women (73%), impacting gender positivity**
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> –Amruta SN, Greenpeace India

A recent report by Greenpeace, India also revealed that 86% of respondents on an onboard survey of 979 bus users have expressed their support for expanding the bus lane system. According to the report, over 28% of existing bus users reported an improvement in travel time since the implementation of the bus lane. This improvement was particularly significant for those travelling longer distances, with 54% of respondents experiencing a reduction in travel time from 60-90 minutes to 30-60 minutes. Additionally, 82% of respondents found the bus lanes to have a generally positive experience.

Amruta SN, Greenpeace India campaigner, said, "Introduction of bus priority lane attracted new users, particularly women, with three per cent of respondents starting to avail public buses since the introduction of the bus lane, despite its limited stretch. Among these 'new' users, an overwhelming majority are women (73%), which highlights the gender-positive impact of the bus lane. These findings strongly support our recommendation to implement bus priority lanes on routes that have already been mapped out by the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT)."

BBMP plans to go after illegal parking

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A massive traffic jam with nearly 3.5 lakh vehicles stuck on Outer Ring Road (ORR) on Wednesday has brought renewed focus to the city's traffic woes. However, the BBMP says that the jam was the result of "artificial congestion" and can be addressed by cracking down on illegal parking on roads. The issue has brought forth the time-immemorial conversation around Bengaluru's insufficient infrastructure and low usage of the public transport system.

A senior BBMP official told BM, "It's not everyday congestion. The jam was caused by a number of factors, including the bandhs on September 26 and September 29. This formed the major reason for the rush. Many people who missed work on those days wanted to complete their official duties on September 27, which contributed to the congestion."

The official also said that the completion of the metro line between Byappanahalli and KR Puram will help to address traffic congestion issues. "Once the Byappanahalli and KR Puram line is operational, people will shift from private to public transport. By 2028, there will be a comprehensive network around the city and an efficient BMTC bus system. Once this is implemented, and BBMP focuses on meeting last-mile connectivity, it will be helpful. This will ensure no traffic jams within the city but maybe there will be a few congestion points outside the city. Till the connectivity is met, these issues will exist." Highlighting an existing connectivity gap between KR Puram and Whitefield, the official stated, "Once this is addressed, a person travelling from Kanakapura can reach Whitefield, and someone from Whitefield will be able to reach Majestic Railway Station."

Metro work has added to chaos

The Joint Commissioner of Police listed several factors contributing to the ORR traffic jam, including potholes and waterlogging. He mentioned, "Potholes can cause inconvenience to commuters but not major traffic delays. If it rains, the speed of traffic comes down due to waterlogging. But it's mostly temporary, as the water flows from one area to another due to Bengaluru's topography. Unlike in cities like Mumbai and Chennai, water recedes after 5-10 mins."

BBMP also called upon traffic officials to tackle the issue of roadside parking, a significant contributor to road congestion. He added, "Traffic officials should address parking on roads, which forms the major reason for congestion and reduces traffic speed. All the main roads are choked because of parking on the roads. Traffic officials need to take stringent measures and continuous rounds to remove these parked. vehicles,"added.

CONSUMER CONNECT INITIATIVE

Proactive lifestyle changes for better prostate health

Dr. Rajendra Prasad KN

While ancient Indian traditions highlighted the importance of a healthy lifestyle, modern reality presents a stark contrast. Lifestyle diseases, such as hypertension and benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), are becoming prevalent, especially among men over 60 years old. Dr. Rajendra Prasad KN, Managing Director and Consultant Urologist, Sanyra Hospital and Diagnostics Multi-Specialty Hospital, Kommaghatta road, Kengeri, explained that there is a significant correlation between age and these two conditions, making it crucial for medical professionals to monitor both blood pressure and urinary functions in elderly males.

He said, "Almost 2 out of every 3 men in India suffer from moderate-severe symptoms due to BPH, and about 50% or more of these patients visiting a doctor are at risk of worsening of symptoms and complications. Age is an unavoidable risk factor for these conditions, but modifiable risk factors like type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and obesity are also contributing factors. Unhealthy lifestyle choices can exacerbate these issues. Dr. Prasad highlights the importance of breaking these habits and managing or preventing lifestyle diseases. Clinical guidelines, including European and American recommendations, advocate lifestyle changes as the primary treatment for mild cases of BPH. Dr. Prasad emphasizes that these changes, combined with medications enhance the quality of life."

To promote a healthier lifestyle and manage BPH effectively, Dr. Prasad offers valuable lifestyle tips:

Fluid Management: Keep fluid intake within 1.5 - 2 litres per day, with minor adjustments for climate and physical activity. Avoid fluids within two hours of bedtime or before long trips.

Caffeine Reduction: Cut down on caffeinated drinks like coffee, tea.

Healthy Diet: Consume at least five servings of fruits and vegetables daily. Opt for whole grain items over refined.

Regular Exercise: Engage in moderately vigorous exercise for at least 30 minutes on at least four days a week, with clearance from a physician.

Adequate Sleep: Aim for 7-8 hours of refreshing sleep daily.

Balanced Diet, Hydration: A healthy diet, exercise, and relaxation help manage blood sugars, blood pressure, and cholesterol and alleviate constipation that can worsen BPH symptoms.

Spicy Food Avoidance: Reduce the consumption of overly spicy foods.

Quit Smoking and Limit Alcohol: Smoking cessation and minimizing alcohol intake are crucial steps.

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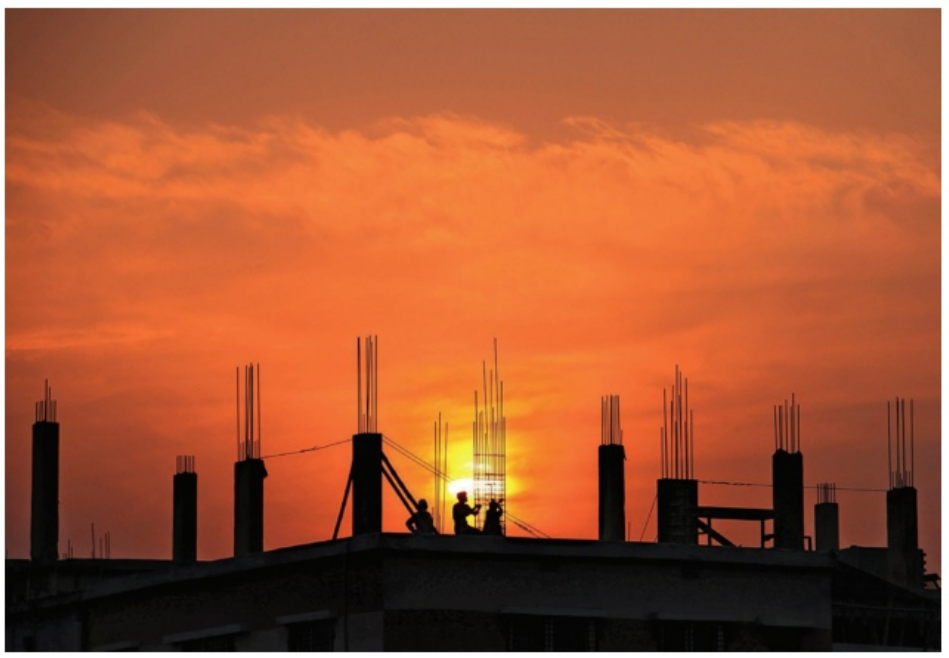
Kanakapura Road set for infrastructure boost



Travelling to Kanakapura Road is set to become easier as the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) gears up to enhance infrastructure here. The civic agency has recently invited tenders to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) to assess the feasibility of constructing a two-km-long flyover between Krishna Rao Park and Banashankari Metro station. Additionally, tenders have been invited for a DPR to prepare an underpass between Banashankari station and Sarakki market.

A BBMP official said, "There is also a proposal to construct a 1.2 km-long flyover at the Outer Ring Road-Kanakapura Road junction near Sarakki.

The flyover aims to facilitate a smooth flow of traffic for vehicles on ORR, reducing congestion and waiting times significantly on the Kanakapura Road side. Notably, this flyover will also integrate with a Metro line. While the Metro piers stand at a height of 13.5 metres, the proposed flyover will be at a height of 5.5 metres from the ground level.

According to BBMP sources, the four-laned flyover will commence from the Ilyas Nagar junction and boast a width of 17 metres."

Interestingly, similar 'flyovers under flyovers' exist at Nayandahalli-Mysore Road, where the ORR flyover is beneath the Mysuru Road flyover, and in Electronics City, where the NICE Road flyover is below the Electronics City Expressway and the proposed Electronics City Metro line. BBMP officials had earlier submitted a Detailed Project Report (DPR) to the government for approval. This will be part of the signal-free corridor on ORR from Mysuru Road JP Nagar stretch. Currently, grade separators have been built at KEB junction, Devegowda Petrol Bunk junction, Dalmia junction, and Muttu Raj junctions, Kadirenahalli, and Puttenahalli.

With these infrastructure projects, Kanakapura Road is emerging as a preferred destination for land and flat buyers. Many aspire to construct a house near Kanakapura Road due to its lush greenery. Bengalureans believe that residing near Kanakapura Road offers them the chance to live in a green and stress-free environment.

Properties here also serve as potential investments for those looking to invest in property for the future. As the outskirts of Bengaluru, especially in Kanakapura areas, boast of ample greenery, property owners feel as if they are leading a luxurious and green life in the midst of a verdant zone. There is a proposal to four-lane the road to Kanakapura and then convert it into a paved two-lane road up to the Karnataka border, connecting Sathyamangalam and Coimbatore.

Bypasses have been planned at crucial locations like Kaggalipura, Udyapura, Harohalli, Kanakapura, and Sathanur, among others.

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Age of consent: 'Better not tinker'

Law Commission advises govt to let existing age of consent under POCSO Act stay and suggests guided judicial discretion in matter of sentences in cases involving tacit approval of children in 16-18 age group

The Law Commission has advised the government not to tinker with the existing age of consent under the POCSO Act and suggested introducing guided judicial discretion in the matter of sentencing in cases involving tacit approval of children in the 16-18 age bracket. The current age of consent in India is 18 years.

The Law Commission has submitted its report on the age of consent under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act to the Law Ministry in which it has suggested that amendments are needed in the legislation to remedy the situation in cases involving tacit approval, though not consent in law, on the part of children aged between 16 and 18. The panel, headed by former chief justice of the Karnataka High Court Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, said it had considered all the views and suggestions given in connection with cases involving those between the age of 16 and 18.

The panel said reducing the age of consent will have direct and negative bearing on the fight against child marriage and child trafficking and also advised courts to tread with caution even in cases where it is observed that adolescent love cannot be controlled and criminal intention may be missing.

The law panel report said that after a careful review of existing child protection laws, various judgements and considering the maladies of child abuse, child trafficking and child prostitution that plague our society, the commission is of the measured view that "it is not advisable to tinker with the existing age of consent under the POCSO Act".

"However, having cautiously considered all the views and suggestions furnished in this regard, the commission said it considers it necessary that certain amendments need to be brought in the POCSO Act to remedy the situation in cases wherein there is tacit approval in fact though not consent in law on part of the child aged between 16 to 18 years," according to the report.

Noting that such cases do not merit to be dealt with the same severity as the cases that were ideally imagined to fall under the POCSO Act, the commission deems fit to introduce guided judicial discretion in the matter of sentencing in such cases.

"This will ensure that the law is balanced, thus safeguarding the best interests of the child," it said.

The law panel said comments were also sought from the Ministry of Women and Child Development on the matter. "However, despite reminders, no response was received," it said. During the consultations, the panel said, while there was a wide divergence of opinion on how to resolve the issue at hand, there was unanimity of thought when it came to the aspect of the POCSO Act working against the very children it ought to protect.

"The blanket criminalisation of sexual activity amongst and with a child, though intended to safeguard children, is leading to incarceration of young boys and girls who engage in such activities as a consequence of sexual curiosity and need for exploration that may to some extent be normative for an adolescent," the report said. There is a social cost associated with the present situation, including the negative impact upon the health, both physical and mental, of the children as well as a burden upon the investigating agencies and courts which takes away focus from the cases that are genuine and require immediate consideration, the report said.

"Criminalisation of sexual activity amongst and with a child, though to safeguard kids, is leading to incarceration of young boys and girls

– The report

The mental trauma and harassment faced by children who, on account of engaging in such a consensual act, come to fall within the ambit of the POCSO Act is certainly an issue of concern, the law panel pointed out.

In the deliberations, the commission said, three possible solutions came up -- blanket reduction of the age of consent to 16 years as was the situation prior to the enactment of the POCSO Act, introducing a limited exception in case of consensual sexual act involving a child above the age of 16 years, and introducing judicial discretion in sentencing in cases of consensual romantic relationship between adolescents or or with an adolescent between the age of 16 to 18 years. "With respect to the first proposed solution, while giving a blanket exemption to consensual sexual acts by persons above 16 years may seem like a panacea for the situation we are faced with, however, the same will lead to many unintended consequences of much severe nature," it said. Reducing the age of consent will have a direct and negative bearing on the fight against child marriage and child trafficking, it said.

–PTI

ISRO chief unfazed by Moon mission's apparent end

As hopes dim of further contact with India's Moon rover, the country's space chief has said he was satisfied with the prospect of calling its successful lunar mission to an end.

India began exploring the Moon's surface in August after becoming just the fourth nation to land a craft on the celestial body, sparking celebrations in a country rapidly closing in on milestones set by global space powers.

Rover Pragyan -- "Wisdom" in Sanskrit -- surveyed the vicinity of the Moon's south pole but was powered down before the start of lunar night, which lasts roughly two weeks on Earth. The Indian Space Research Agency had hoped to prolong the mission by reactivating the solar-powered vehicle once daylight returned to the lunar surface, but so far has been greeted by radio silence. "It is OK if it does not wake up because the rover has done what it was expected to do," ISRO chief S. Somanath told reporters late Wednesday, according to the Press Trust of India news agency.

A view of the moon, observed by the Chandrayaan-3 lander (file photo)

ISRO said last week it had hoped to reestablish contact with the rover and the lander that safely delivered it. "As of now, no signals have been received from them," it added.

The world's most populous nation has been steadily matching the achievements of established spacefaring powers at a fraction of their cost. It has a comparatively low-budget space programme, but one that has grown considerably in size and momentum since first sending a probe to orbit the Moon in 2008. Experts say India can keep costs low by copying and adapting existing technology, and thanks to an abundance of highly skilled engineers.

India became the first Asian nation to put a craft into orbit around Mars in 2014 and is slated to launch a three-day crewed mission into the Earth's orbit by next year. Earlier this month it launched a mission towards the centre of the solar system to study the surface of the Sun.

August's successful lunar mission came four years after its predecessor crashed on final descent, in what was seen at the time as a huge setback for its space programme. **– AFP**

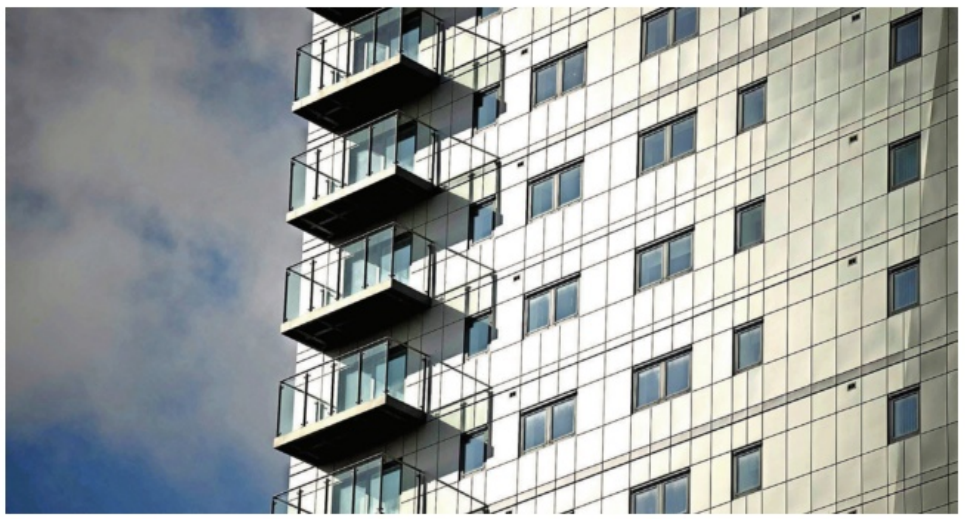
Contempt of Court: City doctor promises service at govt hospital

Apologising to the High Court of Karnataka, a Bengaluru doctor has given an undertaking to engage herself in community work in a government hospital. The 33-year-old who serves in a private hospital will work for one day a month for the next six months, in a government hospital after seeking necessary permission. The HC had initiated contempt of court proceedings on its own against her for disobeying the order of the court in a matrimonial and child custody dispute.

Recording the apology of the doctor, the HC noted, "The learned counsel for the respondent/ accused submits that his client is tendering her unconditional apology and assures this court that in future she would act in such a way that there would be no occasion for initiation of any action against her.

To show her bona fides, she assures to engage herself a day of every month in community services for six months in any government hospital of Bengaluru City with prior permission from its HOD, Civil Surgeon or the Director, as the case may be." The High Court also directed government hospitals to consider her request for the same. "In view of the above, we accept the unconditional apology tendered by the respondent/ accused treating her assurance as an undertaking given to this court..." **– PTI**

Investors flock to make most of North B'luru's realty boom



The airport relocation from HAL to Devanahalli has significantly elevated North Bengaluru's position in the residential properties landscape. Many individuals are now inclined to invest in plots in and around Devanahalli and Chikkaballapur, attracted not only by their affordability but also by their proximity to the airport.

Devaraju D, a realtor, said, "If you have to travel from city to airport, you need to spend a lot of time on the road traversing traffic. However, if you stay near Chikkaballapur or Devanahalli, it is quite easy to travel around.

Plus, there are numerous infrastructure projects that help people to travel around." Guru Murth, another realtor, said, "North Bengaluru is now the preferred destination for the plot buyers.

Now, the Metro will connect to the airport, so travelling to the various parts of the city will become easier. Plus, the satellite ring road provides excellent connectivity to Doddaballapur and Dabaspet (Tumakuru road), and it is also a connecting highway for the Bengaluru-Chennai expressway. Plus, the plots are closer to tourist places like Nandi Hills and Adi Yogi. Many are now heading in these directions to buy their plots."

Meanwhile, experts say that with the festive season, there is an excellent demand for buying plots. Anshuman Magazine (Chairman & CEO - India, South-East Asia, Middle East & Africa, CBRE) said, "The housing market is primed for further growth as we head into the second half of the year, primarily driven by the anticipated surge during the festive season in H2 2023.

We expect a significant influx of first-time homebuyers during this period as an increasing number of fence-sitters are likely to finalise their decisions based on the enticing festive season offers and discounts extended by developers.

Recent data indicates that home sales have surged in H1 2023 to exceed 1,50,000 units, surpassing sales reported in H1 2022 and H2 2022 by around 4% and 6%, respectively

The premium and luxury real estate segments (INR 2 to 4 crore and above) are set to emerge as highly coveted investment choices, particularly among high net-worth individuals (HNIs) and non-resident Indians (NRIs) looking to safeguard their investments amidst the prevailing global macro-economic uncertainties. We estimate a sustained high activity level in these segments supported by the promising outlook of long-term capital appreciation."

He said the real estate companies are gearing up to present various offers and discounts to attract prospective homebuyers. These deals will likely range from EMI waivers, goods and services tax (GST) exemptions, free registration and stamp duty, and flexible payment schemes to complimentary amenities such as modular kitchens, electronics, car parking, or fully furnished apartments, among other incentives.

Furthermore, in a strategic move to attract homebuyers, select developers may forge partnerships with banks to extend fixed interest rates for a specified number of years. Despite the initial expectations of a potential dip in home buying sentiment due to inflationary pressures and global headwinds, the appeal of homeownership remains steadfast among the masses.

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–Prakash VL

Understanding all about your vacant land

Before embarking on any venture with vacant land, it's imperative to thoroughly understand the unique characteristics and zoning regulations that govern your property. Here are some crucial steps to help you assess and unlock your land's potential:

Zoning and Land Use Regulations: Familiarise yourself with local zoning ordinances and land use regulations. Different areas have specific rules regarding what can be built or developed on a particular piece of land. This knowledge will guide your decisions on how to utilise the space effectively.

Topography and Soil Analysis: Conduct a thorough examination of the land's topography and soil quality. This information is invaluable in determining the feasibility of certain projects. For instance, sloped terrain might be ideal for terraced gardens or vineyards, while well-drained soil could be suitable for construction.

Environmental Considerations: Identify any environmental factors that may impact development. This could include protected wildlife habitats, wetlands, or flood-prone areas.

Understanding these aspects is essential for both compliance with regulations and the preservation of natural resources.

Access and Utilities: Evaluate the accessibility of your land and the availability of essential utilities like water, electricity, and sewage systems. Easy access and utilities can significantly enhance the feasibility and value of your land for various purposes.

Market Research: Research the local real estate market and identify emerging trends or demands. This information will help you align your land's potential with market needs, increasing the likelihood of a successful venture.

Professional Consultation: Consider seeking advice from professionals like real estate agents, land planners, or environmental consultants. Their expertise can provide valuable insights and help you make informed decisions about your land's potential.

– Times Property

Karnataka biodiversity board's 100% claim rings hollow

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Register (PBR) has not been updated for over a decade now. The record shows that the internal file about the biodiversity register was stopped abruptly sometime ago without any reasons cited. We plan to restart the process and call for a BMC meeting soon," said BLG Swamy, DCF, Forest Department, BBMP.

According to the Karnataka Biodiversity Board (KBB), 6,554 Biodiversity Management Committees are in place across the state. Out of these, 6,012 are at Gram Panchayat level, 226 at taluk level, 30 at zila panchayat level and 286 BMCs are with urban local bodies.

One of the 286 BMCs at the ULB level, is Bengaluru's BMC. However, while the committee was formed nearly 15 years ago and created a PBR, neither is the document available in public domain nor has it been updated for more than a decade now. One of the mandates under the Centre's Biological Biodiversity Act (BDA) 2002 for BMCs is to conduct regular biodiversity surveys and update PBRs.

Although KBB claims that the total number of PBRs is 6,554 and asserts that 100% progress in creating PBR has been achieved already, Bengaluru's BMC missing in action has rendered this claim pointless.

"It is time that Bengaluru's biodiversity gets documented under PBR. Although the document was created after the committee was formulated in 2009, a lot has changed in the city due to various infrastructure projects leading to the loss of green cover. The last BMC meeting was held in 2020 and we also secured the highest budget for our work across Karnataka. However, every DCF since then kept pushing the meeting and PBR never got updated. There are many crucial forest patches in and around the city and we must document their biodiversity to get an idea of what remains," said Vijay Nishant, BMC member and founder of Vruksha Foundation.

> **"It is time that B'luru's biodiversity gets documented under PBR. Although the document was created after the committee was formulated in 2009, a lot has changed in the city due to various infrastructure projects**
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> —Vijay Nishant, BMC member and founder of Vruksha Foundation

The main function of the BMC is to prepare PBR in consultation with local people. The Register shall contain comprehensive information on the availability and knowledge of local biological resources, their medicinal or any other use, or any other traditional knowledge associated with them.

It will be interesting to see how the Forest Department takes up this long-pending task. BM had reported in March this year that no fund was allocated for BMC's activities in BBMP's budget for 2023-24 and thus the committee, most likely, might stay on paper for at least one more year.

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No hanky panky

Handkerchief or tissue? Which one's better for our health and the planet?

Maybe you have hay fever, covid, a cold or the flu, and are reaching for a tissue or handkerchief.

But which one's better at stopping infections spreading? Which has a smaller environmental impact? Is it the hanky, which has been with us since at least Roman times? Or the more recent and widely-used paper tissue?

You might be surprised at the results.

A short history of the handkerchief and tissue

Today, we think of hankies as something to wipe noses, and catch coughs and sneezes. But such a simple square of cloth has a complex history.

In the first century, the Romans used a sudarium (Latin for sweat cloth) to wipe off sweat, or to mask the mouth and face.

Over time, people have used what we now call a handkerchief or hanky, as a head covering, as a veil and for disguise, to clean hands, for wounds and to staunch blood.

Wealthy people have used them to signify class and manners, and for discretely wiping away phlegm rather than smearing snot on sleeves or down skirts. Royalty have used them to indicate wealth and power through their gifts of fine linen and silk handkerchiefs to favoured subjects. Henry VIII owned an extensive collection, some embossed with gold and silver.

Handkerchiefs have also been markers of love, fidelity and sexual preferences. In the late 19th century the "handkerchief code" was a system of colour coding and handkerchief placement used to indicate sexual preferences, which is still active in LGBTQ+ communities today.

We can trace the origins of paper tissue to China in the 2nd century BC. But it wasn't until the 1920s that tissue as we know it today was developed to remove make-up and wipe runny noses from hay fever.

So, which one is better for our health?

More than 100 years ago, a cloth hanky was considered a "little flag of Death" because of the germs it carried and how it contaminated pockets it was left in. Later, we were urged to use a hanky as "coughs and sneezes spread diseases".

Today, we know nasal secretions harbour cold-type viruses that can be transferred to a range of surfaces – hands, handkerchiefs, tissues, door knobs, keyboards – sometimes surviving long after the initial exposure.

So blowing your nose into a reusable cotton hanky, then touching another object, means these viruses can spread. Even if you put your cotton hanky in the wash immediately, you'd likely contaminate surfaces on the way, such as doorknobs, and use your infected hands to operate the washing machine.

Viruses don't tend to survive so long on tissues. As long as you throw tissues away after using them, and don't leave them lying around for others to pick up, the chance of passing germs to others from a used tissue is far lower.

Then there's the question of whether hankies or tissues are effective barriers to coughing and respiratory spray.

Basic cloth coverings, such as handkerchiefs or bandannas, can catch sputum, as can tissues. But several studies have shown they do not effectively filter respiratory aerosols, or stop you inhaling pollutants, pathogens or small airborne particles.

Which one is better for the planet?

If you want to look at environmental considerations, US company Ecosystem Analytics compared resusable cotton hankies to disposable paper tissues using a lifecycle analysis. It considered four measures of environmental impacts associated with production, transport, use and disposal: climate change (sum of greenhouse gases: carbon dioxide, methane, water vapour, nitrous oxide and CFCs)

- ecosystem quality (chemical pollution of land and water)
- human health (carcinogenic and non-carcinogenic toxicity to humans)
- resources (total energy requirements of non-renewable energy and mineral extraction).

The verdict? Across the four measures, a cotton hanky had five to seven times greater impact than an equivalent tissue.

And, by far, the greatest impacts were related to the production of each of these products, rather than using or disposing of them.

If you're still keen to use a cotton hanky, you could opt for organic cotton, which has a lower ecological footprint compared to standard cotton produced in the same location. But organic cotton production has lower yields than its conventional equivalent, meaning more land is needed to produce an equivalent amount, compounding the total environmental impact.

If you want to feel better about using tissues, ones made from recycled material may be a better option. Their manufacture leads to fewer greenhouse gas emissions compared with making regular tissues.

The verdict

Wiping our noses with paper tissues we dispose of properly after use (and don't store in our pocket), made from recycled material, is preferable from both a health and environmental perspective.

But tissues don't quite have the same panache as the historic and versatile cloth hanky.

(By Mark Patrick Taylor, Macquarie University and Hester Joyce, La Trobe University, The Conversation)

MIRRORLIGHTS

Explained: How covid-19 heightens risk of heart attack, stroke

Scientists have found that SARS-CoV-2, the virus behind Covid-19, triggers a dangerous immune response in hardened fatty deposits (plaques) lining the heart's largest blood vessels, leading to the risk of heart attack, stroke.

Experts have long observed that the Covid-19 coronavirus increases the likelihood of having a heart attack or stroke for up to a year after infection, particularly for those who already have underlying heart conditions.

However, the specific mechanisms that account for these risks had until now remained unclear. Researchers at New York University's (NYU) Grossman School of Medicine in the US explored how the coronavirus behaves in those with atherosclerosis -- a disease in which plaque collects in major arteries and prompts chronic inflammation.

For the study, published online in the journal Nature Cardiovascular Research, the team detected the virus within the arteries of eight men and women with a history of atherosclerosis who had died of Covid-19.

Besides colonising arterial heart tissue itself, the coronavirus was also spotted inside local immune cells called macrophages, which normally protect the heart by "swallowing" and disposing of excess fat molecules in arteries.

The experiments further showed that in response to the infection, the macrophages release inflammatory signalling proteins called cytokines that promote a chronic immune response. Notably, the researchers said, two of the identified cytokines, interleukin-1 beta and interleukin-6, have already been linked to heart attacks. "Our findings provide for the first time a direct mechanistic link between Covid-19 infection and the heart complications it provokes," said lead author Natalia Eberhardt, Postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Medicine at NYU Langone Health.

"The virus creates a highly inflammatory environment that could make it easier for plaque to grow, rupture, and block blood flow to the heart, brain, and other key organs." — IANS

All you need to know about...

Plastics and autism

Plastic additive
Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), that have recently seen a significant rise, may be linked to the common plastic additive, bisphenol A (BPA), according to a study.

What is BPA?
BPA, used in everyday objects such as in medical devices, compact discs, dental sealants, water bottles, the lining of canned foods and drinks, among others, has previously been linked to several health issues, including cancer.

Inability to clear BPA
The study, published in the public access journal PLOS ONE, showed that children with ASD and ADHD often have a reduced ability to clear BPA from their bodies, thereby increasing their exposure to BPA.

Detoxification
Previous studies have found associations between children with autism and exposure to BPA.
In the new study, researchers from the Rowan University in New Jersey, US, found that the reason for the link is decreased efficiency in a key step involved in BPA detoxification.
After BPA is ingested or inhaled, it is filtered from the blood in the liver through a process called glucuronidation. Glucuronidation is the process of adding a sugar molecule to a toxin. Doing so makes the toxin water soluble, allowing it to quickly pass out of the body through urine.

Biochemical evidence
The compromised ability to clear such environmental pollutants from the body is "the first hard biochemical evidence of what the linkage is between BPA and the development of autism or ADHD," said lead author T. Peter Stein, Professor of surgery at Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine.

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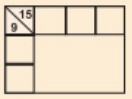
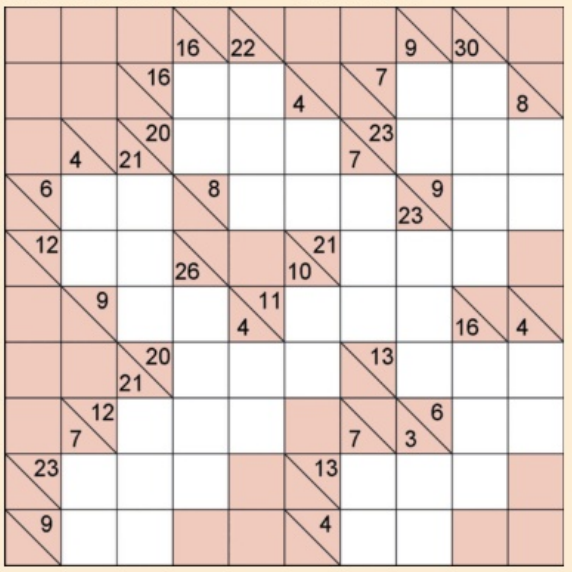
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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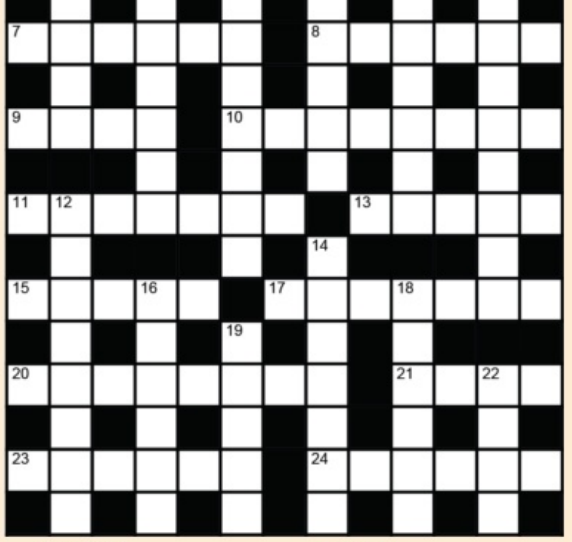


ACROSS

7 Important city in Pakistan (6)
8 Decide to leave or withdraw? (3,3)
9 Taj Mahal city (4)
10 Common man's drink–that's plain water! (5,3)
11 Capable of being stretched? (7)
13 Fire residue (5)
15 R in RCB (5)
17 Difficulty (7)
20 Waylays (8)
21 Blind as _ __? (1,3)
23 Greek capital (6)
24 Dickens' ___ Twist (6)

DOWN

1 Criminal group (4)
2 Augustus, Tiberius et al (6)
3 Happens to; is the fate of, in a way? (7)
4 Lady (5)
5 State of equilibrium (6)
6 Centre of a dartboard (8)
12 Immenseness or vastness (8)
14 Urge or impel forward; push forward (5,2)
16 Mental keenness (6)
18 South American country (6)
19 ____ out : bring gradually out of use? (5)
22 Got a hole in one (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: A EQUALS G

M YQOACI XIDYSO QY UQYYQOA PSD WSZ, MOB VGI HGSCI HSDCB QY IUXVW.

Linemaro

Baby, you're so sweet would put Hershey' s outta business.

Mindchow

Money won't make you happy ... but everybody to find out for themselves

Joke of the day

Sam: "I get so nervous and frightened during driving tests!"
Doctor: "Never mind, you'll pass eventually."
Sam: "But I'm the examiner!"

Loop

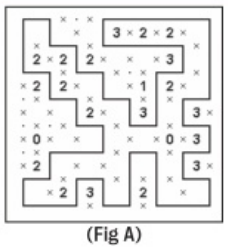
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

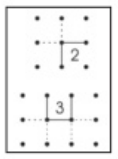
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

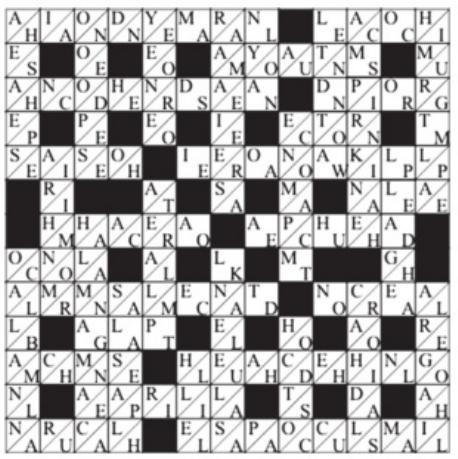


(Fig A)



(Fig B)
Not Allowed

Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5 Y
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 NY att.; 6 Eagre; 7 So nob; 8 Are to; 9 Bahts

DOWN

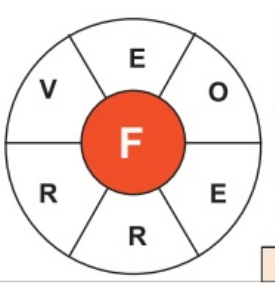
1 An bob; 2 A Argo; 3 Tarot; 4 He TNT; 5 Essey

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?

16, 23, 19, 19, 22, 15, 25, ?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; **05** Good; **07** Outstanding

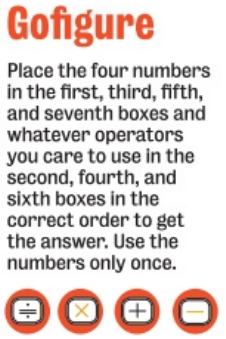
SudokuChallenge

2			4		7			3
	6			8			4	
		5		9		8		
	7	6				2	3	
			1		4			
	8	3				9	1	
		4		7		1		
	3			6			9	
5			8		2			6

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 23
4 5 6 8

Medium = 16
4 5 6 7

Hard = 8
2 6 6 2

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

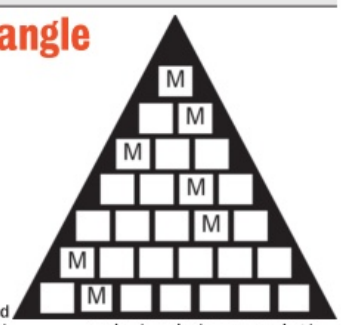
Differences: 1. Arm is moved. 2. Hand is not showing. 3. Purse is different. 4. Door handle is added. 5. Collar is smaller. 6. Tie is different.

Riddler

Your task is to change ONE letter in each of the following eight words to discover a common theme. Loin, Steal, Billet, Frying, Clank, Line, Cake, Steed

Alpha triangle

1 Bond's boss
2 Printing unit
3 Actress _ Ryan
4 Precious stones
5 Microbes
6 Unifies
7 Comes out



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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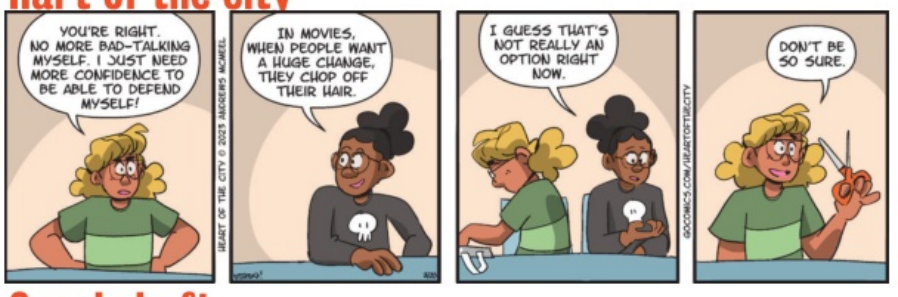
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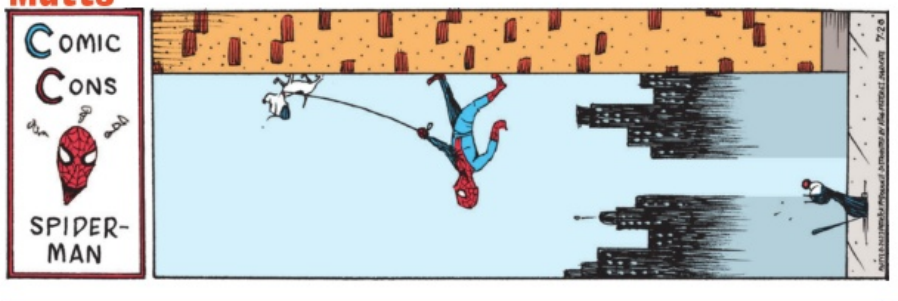

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today with the help of blessings from elders, you may become confident. Your working efficiency may increase. You can start new innovations in terms of business and work. You are likely to make smart gains after a few investments. Opponents and rivals are now under control. You may help a needy person by giving money, which may increase your prestige. You may bring some creative stuff for your house.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today things are mixed. You may be busy with kids. You may expect some short trips related to kids' academics. You will also enjoy your romantic moments. Couples may hear good news in terms of new baby births. You may plan to go on an outing with family or friends as well. Natives on the job may plan for higher education to increase their skill set.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today may be somehow disappointing; you may be impatient, and you may not be able to focus on your goals. Investments in fixed assets are advised to postpone for a while. It is advised to take care of your parents' health.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may feel energetic and courageous; you are likely to buy some important household stuff for your home or office. Your inner strength is likely to be helpful in completing your projects before the deadline. Disputes with the siblings are likely to be resolved. There may also be some short trips related to work, which will increase your network.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, time is favourable. You may be able to control your expenditures. Your savings are likely to increase. You may be busy at home. You may bring some artefacts to your home. You may also plan to renovate your office. There is an atmosphere of joy and happiness in the family. Lovebirds are likely to plan to get married. Singles may get a soul match. Kids will perform well.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today things are under control. You may feel some new energy, which may give you confidence. You are likely to find a new way, which may tend you towards success at work. Parental business may reach new heights. A chronic illness is likely to be cured. You may also plan for an overseas trip.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today there may be some dull feeling in you, which may make you upset and impatient. You are likely to face some health-related issues. It is advised to avoid rash driving and adventure tours. You are advised to keep an eye on hidden enemies and opponents; you might be a victim of a conspiracy. You should avoid making any arguments.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today may be good for your professional life. This is a time when you may be busy in your professional and job front. You may become passionate about your work, which may give you mental tiredness. You may not be able to reach on time for family or social get-togethers. Your spouse may support you to maintain domestic harmony. Lovebirds may expect to take important decisions in terms of marriage. Job seekers may hear good news in terms of suitable jobs with the help of friends.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. You may be busy at work. You are likely to increase your network in terms of work. With the help of elders' blessings, you will implement new plans into your work for success in the near future. You may plan to visit a close relative or party with friends.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today there may be some dull feeling in you, which may make you sensitive and emotional. You may also have some health-related issues. It is advised to avoid rash driving. You are advised to keep an eye on hidden enemies and opponents; you might be a victim of a conspiracy. It is advised for lovebirds to keep their patience and avoid making arguments on worthless topics.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may try to analyse yourself and figure out your mistakes. Self-analysis will boost confidence at work. In partnerships, disputed matters are likely to be resolved. Warmness with the spouse is likely to improve. Students may make quick decisions in terms of their career. Singles may find a good match, luckily.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today with the blessings of the moon, you may have happiness around you. Projects that were stopped now will come on track. Relationships with the spouse may be stronger. You may perform well at work. Singles are likely to find a soul mate. Lovebirds may make plans to convert the relationship into marriage. You may get promotions in your job, and job seekers may find a good job.

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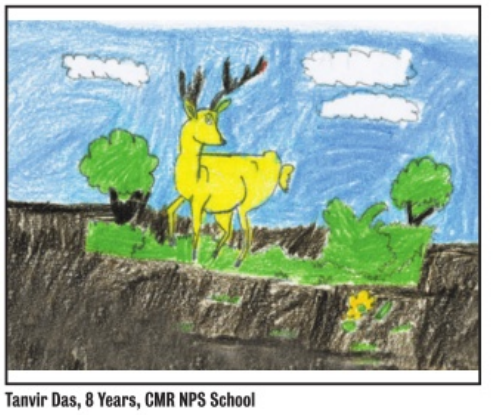
Tanvi R, 6 Years, Bethany High School



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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
(√5–2)(9+4√5)(√5–2)
=(√5+2)(√5–2)
=5–4
=1

BULL'S EYE
fever, tore, freer, reef, refer

FAST FIVE

N	A	T	T	Y
A	G	R	E	E
B	O	O	N	S
O	R	A	T	E
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QUOTE UNCODE
A single person is missing for you, and the whole world is empty.

STRIKE OUT

H	A	N	D	Y	M	A	N		E	A	C	H		
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QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
11: there are two alternate sequences: +3 and –4

RIDDLER
Lois, Steel, Bullet, Flying, Clark, Lane, Cape, Speed. The theme is Superman

SUDOKU

2	9	8	4	1	7	5	6	3
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1	7	6	9	5	8	2	3	4
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6	2	4	3	7	9	1	5	8
8	3	7	5	6	1	4	9	2
5	1	9	8	4	2	3	7	6

ALPHA TRIANGLE
M, Em, Meg, Germs, Mergers, Emergers.

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 + 4 + 6 + 5 = 23
Medium
5 + 6 – 7 x 4 = 16
Hard
2 x 6 + 2 – 6 = 8

LOOP

KAKURO

			9	1	8	3	4	
			23	6	9	8	2	7
			7	4	7	1	3	5	1
			12	7	2	9	3	8	6	4	3
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Baby joy! Bonnie Wright, known for her role as Ginny Weasley in the Harry Potter, has given birth to a son. She announced the news on Instagram, sharing a photo

Embracing growth

Arjun Kapoor recently reflected on his career and wrote a heartfelt note expressing gratitude for all the valuable lessons he has learned and absorbed. Sharing some assorted throwback pictures and videos of himself from over the years, Arjun wrote, 'From holding on to everything too tight. To let go of every image you've created for yourself. Each phase brings in its charms & challenges that eventually lead you to embrace your present self.'

Elaborating further, he added, 'And now when I look back, I think that's what this journey has been for me, wholehearted acceptance of myself bringing myself back to my centre, my core, my beliefs & my realities. I mean, sure, I have my bad days, but then I remember what a cute smile I have.'

Arjun concluded his long post by wishing the team 'Thanks for Coming' all the luck for their upcoming release. He wrote, 'Can't wait to witness these girls in their full stride on 6th Oct! Girl power always!'

When he shared the post, likes and comments poured in from all sides. **— ETimes**

NAVIGATING STARDOM

Janhvi Kapoor opens up on being under scanner since childhood

Ever since she made her debut with Dhadak in 2018, Janhvi Kapoor has been under constant scrutiny owing to her late mother, Sridevi's rich legacy. The actor, however, has come out on her own now and is one of the most popular stars in Bollywood.

Recently, in a chat with Newslaundry, Janhvi opened up on constantly being under the scanner and said that it has always been a part of her life, and the cameras have always been around. She further said that in her childhood, people, with or without consent, took pictures of her and her sister.

She also said that once morphed, almost pornographic images of her were circulated in school, and her friends started looking at her differently. The actor also said this was years back, but now, with technology getting better and the influx of AI, anyone's pic can be morphed, which deeply concerns her.

On the work front, the actor was last seen in the OTT release Bawaal opposite Varun Dhawan. The film was directed by Nitesh Tiwari, who delivered films like Dangal and Chhichhore. But Bawaal ran into controversy over trivialising the suffering of victims of the Holocaust.

In one of the scenes, they enter a gas chamber in a dream-like sequence and struggle to breathe. In another scene, Janhvi's character talked about human greed when she said, "Aren't we all a little like Hitler?" and added, "Every relationship goes through their Auschwitz." The chatter against the film got so strong that even the Israeli Embassy in India issued a statement criticising the movie.

But Janhvi Kapoor continues to defend the film. She added that she had a lot of clarity about what they were trying to say.

— ETimes

Sneak peek

Makers of the upcoming spy thriller 'Argylle' have unveiled the film's official trailer.

Helmed by Matthew Vaughn, the film stars Henry Cavill, Dua Lipa, Sam Rockwell, Bryce Dallas Howard, John Cena, Bryan Cranston, Catherine O'Hara, Adriana DeBose and Samuel L. Jackson in the lead roles.

According to Deadline, a US-based media outlet, the script by Jason Fuchs centres on a famous spy novelist, Elly Conway (Howard), whose book plots become valuable tools for a real super-spy agency that includes Argylle (Cavill).

The film will hit the theatres on February 2, 2024. Grammy winner Lipa also provides original songs for the film, it reported.

Meanwhile, Cavill was recently seen in 'The Witcher' Season 3 Volume 2, which premiered on the OTT platform. **— ETimes**

Silent strength

Vaani Kapoor has always been appreciated for her acting. She has chosen to be choosy about the films she does, but in every project, she has given it all, like Shudh Desi Romance, Befikre, War, Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui, etc. Despite her highs and lows, Vaani chooses to be under the radar and is not seen anywhere and everywhere.

The actress pours her heart out about her journey in the industry. She says, "Be it playing a small town girl or an urban flamboyant Parisian to essaying a role of a Trans girl. From hanging upside down on a swing pole for hours to get one shot right, practising 8 hours daily to learn tango & hip hop, to waiting patiently for years after debuting for that one good role."

On the work front, Vaani will be seen in two diverse projects - Sarvagunn Sampanna, and Mandala Murders. **— ETimes**

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Touching hearts

Sandeep Shetty, the visionary director behind the Kannada sensation "Aaraariraaro," is preparing to travel to the country's critical cities for dubbing or remaking his movie in other languages. Sandeep, a software developer by profession, has found a new calling in filmmaking, receiving acclaim for his directorial debut, "Nandanavanadol" in 2019, and now, the heart-touching "Aaraariraaro."

"I am very happy with the overwhelming response and positive feedback to my movie Aaraariraaro. I have seen many audiences coming out of theatres with tears after watching the movie. Some of them have hugged me. A few people from Mumbai evinced interest in dubbing this movie in Hindi. We have received positive enquiries from Tamil Nadu," said Sandeep.

He says the movie revolves around senior citizens and how their children treat them. "I did not try to preach to society how senior citizens need to be treated. I tried to narrate the plight of senior citizens that is close to reality. I narrated the story by including entertainment elements that have the potential to make the audiences empathise and sympathise with the characters in the movie," he said.

The stellar cast features Prasanna Shetty, Veena Kamath, Nireeksha Shetty, Jeeva and Gautham.

Socio-political saga

Sahadev Kelvadi, a seasoned cinematographer turned debut director in Sandalwood, is ready to dazzle audiences with his much-anticipated film, "Kenda." The excitement is palpable as Sahadev Kelvadi gears up for his directorial debut in Kannada cinema, set to grace the silver screen shortly. Having previously showcased his skills as a cinematographer in the critically acclaimed Kannada movie "Gantumoote" in 2019, Sahadev now steps into the director's chair to present "Kenda."

"I am a computer science engineer. I got a Master of Fine Arts Degree from the New York University Tisch School of the Arts over a decade ago. I worked as a cinematographer for a few movies and directed a few short films," says Sahadev Kelvadi, born and brought up in Bengaluru.

He said the shoot of Kenda was completed last year, post-production was completed recently, and the movie is expected to be released shortly.

"The movie Kenda is an absurdist socio-political satire. It is not targeting a particular political party. It revolves around a person working at a foundry. It narrates how Bengaluru's corrupt political system and criminals exploit the person," he says.